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New Retirees

Retiree	Department	Date
William J. Anderson	Art Museum	7/03
Robert T. Backer	Community Health	12/02
J. Sue Books	Municipal Court	2/03
Timmy R. Borin	Airport	6/03
Robert P. Carter	Emergency Com.	9/02
Gail Commer	Fire	3/03
Douglas D. Dagg	Public Works	1/03
Rodney B. Daniels	Airport	1/03
Linda L. DeHart	Human Services	1/03
Dwight W. Greenlee	Airport	12/02
Richard W. Heston	Public Works	3/03
James P. Hogan	Park	3/03
Ronald L. Hoopes	Public Works	6/03
Robert G. Knight	City Council	4/03
Sondra B. Koontz	Library	3/03
Thomas S. McCall	Water & Sewer	6/03
Charles D. McCarrell	Human Services	2/03
Patricia L. MacDonald	Community Health	6/03
Patricia M. Morris	Park	1/03
Ronald D. Palmer	Airport	2/03
Patrick L. Perkins	Public Works	5/03
Irne A. Phillips	Finance	3/03
Steven L. Potucek	Public Works	4/03
Robert A. Puckett	Historical Museum	12/02
Shirley J. Scofield	Library	2/03
James P. Smith, Jr.	Park	7/03
Cecil W. Staley	Water & Sewer	2/03
Lila C. Taylor	Public Works	4/03
Marty A. Wiles	Water & Sewer	12/02
Shirley L. Zaring	Public Works	5/03

In Memoriam

Retiree	Department	Date
James H. Boaz	Public Works	7/03
Peggy J. Brenner	Finance (widow of Russell)	1/03
Eldon Clevenger	Public Works	4/03
James F. Coffin	Water & Sewer	2/03
John T. De Preist	Public Works	5/03
Edmund Deutsch	Municipal Court	3/03
Frank S. Downs	Park	3/03
Betty S. Ferguson	Finance (widow of Don)	1/03
Eugene Freeman	Public Works	12/02
Earl J. Gronniger	Water & Sewer	2/03
Earnest Heath	Public Works	1/03
Betty Hightower	Park (widow of Clifford)	2/03
Viola A. Hill	Police	6/03
Martha B. Hollins	Water & Sewer (widow of Louis)	6/03
Howard C. Hutchison	Police	1/03
Joyce T. McClure	Mun. Ct. (widow of Russell)	4/03
Jack E. Milburn	Community Health	3/03

In Memoriam (cont.)

Department	Date
Fin./Health (widow of David)	5/03
Pub. Wks. (widow of Arthur)	1/03
Human Services	4/03
Finance	7/03
Library	2/03
PW (widow of Harold Simpson)	6/03
Pub. Wks. (widow of Dale)	3/03
Park	1/03
Public Works	12/02
Public Works	4/03
Airport (widow of Bobby)	2/03
Park	12/02
Park (widow of Catherine)	4/03
Human Services	1/03
Public Works	3/03
Police	3/03
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Of Interest

Pension Check News

The "Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003" recently signed by President Bush modified the Federal Tax Withholding Table. If your Federal withholding is based on the tax tables (such as married or single with the number of exemptions), you should see a reduction of the federal taxes deducted from your pension check beginning July $1^{\rm st}$.

In addition, your July 1st checks were printed and mailed from Charlotte, North Carolina (rather than Chicago, IL). This should not affect the delivery of your check or advice (in the case of electronic deposits); they are still due the first business day of the month. Please contact the Pension Management Office by email or phone **after** the first business day of the month if you do not receive your check.

Many City retirees currently have their monthly benefit checks electronically deposited directly into their bank accounts. This service is free, secure, reliable, and convenient. You do not have to worry about lost, stolen, damaged checks, or getting your check deposited when you are out of town or unable to get to your bank. Direct deposit ensures that your check is deposited on time, even if there is a disruption of postal service.

To sign up for Direct Deposit, return the form attached to your check stub or call the Pension Management Office.

www.wichita.gov

Want to stay in touch with the City of Wichita? Visit the City's web site to learn about current news, departmental happenings, the City's budget, Council agendas and minutes, the Capital Improvement Program, apply for a job, or access City Codes.

New features on the web site include links to area attractions, governmental agencies and legislators. If you are looking for a lost pet or for an animal to adopt, you can access daily animal pickups at the Wichita Animal Shelter.

Fire and Police Departments on the Web

The City of Wichita's Fire and Police Departments maintain web sites that offer information on the departments and links to related sites on the Internet. Both web sites are accessible through the City of Wichita's site at www.wichitagov.org. Under City Offices, click on Fire or on Police to access their sites.

The Fire Department site includes a Station Locator map showing all the fire stations throughout the city. The map has links, which take you to pictures of each station.

The Police Department site includes links to information on neighborhood crime statistics, highest accident locations, pictures of Wichita's most wanted, and the Help Catch a Robber! link with surveillance photos of recent robberies and financial crimes.

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Melinda Walker

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Finally, Positive Returns!

Good news from our investment managers. Through the end of June 2003, the pension funds have enjoyed a positive investment return of over 9.5%; much better than the -5.7% return we experienced at the end of June 2002.

Health Insurance Notes

For those retirees with the City's group medical insurance, questions regarding your coverage should be directed to your insurance providers:

Preferred Plus of Kansas, Inc. 1-800-660-8114 National Medical Health Card Systems 1-800-645-3332 Vision Service Plan (VSP) 1-800-877-7195

For an updated Preferred Drug List (3-tier), access the NMHC web site at www.nmhcrx.com. On this site, click on the link for Member Services to access information regarding the Preferred Drug List (3-tier) and mail-ordering prescriptions or refills.

Staying in Touch (E-Mail)

If you have access to e-mail, please send us an e-mail message so we may add your e-mail address to our files. This is a quick, convenient, low cost way to keep in touch. Please send e-mail message your twenger@wichita.gov.

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